

"The Weekly Banner" of Davenport, Iowa, was bought in 1855 by Messrs. Hildreth, Richardson, and West and named changed to The Iowa State Democrat.

Mr. Hildreth died in September of 1857. The following obituary is taken from the "State Democrat":

"Mr. Hildreth was born in Johnstown, Fulton county, N. Y., September 12th, A. D. 1809, which would make him just 48 years old today. Mr. Hildreth was a son of Matthias B. Hildreth, esq., formerly Attorney General of the State of New York. His life has been an eventful one, filled with the lights and shades of prosperity and adversity. He was left an orphan at the age of fifteen, and inherited a large fortune. He was a graduate of Union College of that state, after which he engaged in the whole-sale dry goods and jobbing trade in Albany, N. Y. After a few years he became embarrassed in business and failed, and lost his entire fortune in the failure. He then removed to Johnstown, N. Y., and was there elected a magistrate and Master in Chancery.

"Previous to his engaging in business in Albany, he received the appointment by commission, of Major in the Staff of Gov. Troup.

"He was married in Johnstown, in 1839, to Mrs. A.E.T. West, who survives to mourn his loss.

"From Johnstown he removed to Kenoshe, Wisconsin, in 1843, where he was universally beloved and esteemed, and was there elected to many offices of honor and trust, which he filled to the entire satisfaction of all parties. He moved to Peoria, State of Illinois, in 1853, and became associated in the publication of a journal called the "Daily Morning News." From Peoria he moved to Davenport in October, 1855, and in company Messrs. Richardson and West, purchased the old 'Banner' newspaper of R. D. Egel, esq., and with them commenced the publication of the 'Daily Iowa State Democrat,' of which he was the senior editor until his lamented decease.

"Mr. Hildreth was a man of most generous impulses, and had a faculty of making and retaining friends. He was a fast and reliable friend, a kind husband, and an Old School Jeffersonian Democrat. He was uncompromising in his political views, but he never allowed politics to intrude into his social or business relations. All who knew him, esteemed him for his generous heart. In his death his family has lost a valuable friend, the public a generous hearted citizen, and the Democratic party one of its strong pillars."

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JAMES T. HILDRETH, non-graduate of 1828, of Johnstown, N.Y., was a member of the Delphian Institute Society.
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Married: At Onondaga Hill, Onondaga
County, on the 31st ult. by the Rev.
Elder Blane, James T. Hildreth, of
Johnstown, to Mrs. Angeline E. J.
West, of the former place.-

Daily Albany Argus, Sept. 10, 1841.

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1828

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